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C O N F I D E N T I A L ROME 4409

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MARR, IT, YO, US

SUBJECT: US.S. SHIP VISITS TO TRIESTE FOLLOWING EXERCISE DARK IMAGE

REFS: A. STATE 062584

B. BELGRADE 1450

1. PURSUANT TO PARA 5, REF A, EMBOFF NOTIFIED CHIEF OF MFA  
NATO OFFICE (DA RIN) THAT WE HAD INFORMED FOY OF SHORE LEAVE  
PROGRAM OF SHIPS INVOLVED IN EXERCISE DARK IMAGE. DA RIN OBSERVED  
THAT IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN MORE IN KEEPING WITH BILATERAL NATURE  
OF EXERCISE IF ITALIAN GOVERNMENT HAD BEEN CONSULTED BEFOREHAND.  
MORE IMPORTANTLY, DA RIN SAID, YUGOSLAVS COULD INTERPRET PRIOR  
NOTIFICATION AS SIGNAL OF U.S. SUPPORT OF GOY POSITION RE TRIESTE  
PROBLEM. EMBOFF RESPONDED THAT ALTERNATIVE OF CANCELLING TRIESTE  
SHORE LEAVE PROGRAM ALTOGETHER AND REROUTING SHIPS TO OTHER  
PORTS HAD NOT ESCAPED US. EMBOFF COMMENTED THIS APPROXIMATED ONE  
OF THOSE "DAMNED IF YOU DO, DAMNED IF YOU DON'T" SITUATIONS. DA RIN  
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REJOINED "YES, BUT IN ONE CASE YOU ARE DAMNED WITH AN ALLY".

2. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE DA RIN'S REFERENCE TO THE NATO RELATIONSHIP IS WORTH REMEMBERING BECAUSE CLEARLY THE ITALIANS VIEW OUR RELATIONS WITH THEM AS HAVING A SPECIAL CHARACTER BY VIRTUE OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE. VOLPE

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